GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:366
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INCIDENTS OF THEFT AT METRO AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of theft registered at the airports in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai during the last one year;

(b) the total value of losses to the passengers due to the thefts;

(c) whether inquiries have been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to stop the incidents of theft at the airports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.366 FOR 17.04.2008 REGARDING ` INCIDENTS OF THEFT AT METRO AIRPORTS`.

(a)&(b): Airport-wise details of number of theft cases registered and consequential loss suffered by passengers during the last one year are as under:-

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Delhi   -  79 cases,  Rs.57.80 lakhs
Mumbai  - 37 cases,  Rs.481.25 lakhs
Kolkata -  4 cases,  Rs.0.47 lakhs
Chennai -  18 cases,  Rs.8.48 lakhs
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(c)& (d): Investigation has been undertaken in all the cases. In some cases charge-sheets have been filed whereas in the remianing cases the investigation is still in progress.

(e): To curb incidents of theft at the airports all loaders are frisked throughly before and after the loading. Vigilance has been enhanced. Loading/unloading of checked-in baggage is done under the supervision of security. Automated In-line Baggage X-ray Screening System is being installed at major airports. Close Circuit TVs(CCTVs) are being extensively used at airports. In house vigilance teams have been positioned by the airlines at major airports. In addition, the scheduled domestic airlines have issued advisories to the passengers not to carry jewellery or cash in their checked-in-baggage.